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MAR 15 2004

OF: Yasuyuki KANADA et al.

| ART UNIT: 3724

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| CONF. NO.: 8903

FILED: March 15, 2002

| EXAMINER: K. E. Peterson

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THROWAWAY TIP**OFFICIAL**COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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TRANSMITTED HERewith IS A RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF NOVEMBER 14, 2003, IN THE ABOVE IDENTIFIED PATENT APPLICATION COMPRISING 16 PAGES. A ONE MONTH TERM EXTENSION AND FORM PTO-2038 ARE ENCLOSED.

FILING THIS RESPONSE ON MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2003 IS TIMELY BECAUSE MARCH 14, 2004 WAS A SUNDAY, AND THE PERIOD FOR RESPONSE HAS BEEN EXTENDED WITH THE ENCLOSED TERM EXTENSION REQUEST AND FEE PAYMENT.

NO ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE IS REQUIRED, AS SHOWN BELOW.

CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY	OR	LARGE ENTITY	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL: 16	MINUS: 20	0	X=\$		X=\$ 0	=\$ 0
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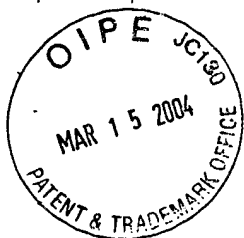
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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF NOVEMBER 14, 2003. INCLUDING
AN ATTACHED TERM EXTENSION REQUEST AND AN ATTACHED COVER SHEET
WITH CERTIFICATE OF TELEFAX TRANSMISSION

Dear Sir:

The period for response has been extended with the enclosed
ONE month Term Extension Request and fee payment (Credit Card
Payment Form PTO-2038). Filing this Response on Monday, March
15, 2003 is timely because March 14, 2004 was a Sunday.

Please amend the above identified application as follows.

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